

3 December 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, FI/Plans/Cover Division

FROM: Chief, SR/PP

SUBJECT: Project AERANTER

REFERENCE: Memorandum dated 24 November 1953, Subject:
Amendment to Project AERODYNAMIC

1. None of the six individuals presently working in the Study Group is witting of U.S. Government interest or connection. Each member of the Study Group understands that he is employed by the ZPUHVR Organization for purposes of research and production of studies on the Ukrainian problem. Moreover they understand that the material which they produce, if acceptable to the Organization, may be published under a suitable title. Under this arrangement payments are made to the six individuals working in the Study Group through the principal agent, who is also a member of the ZPUHVR Organization, but who is witting to the U.S. Government interest in the project.

2. Those members of the ZPUHVR Organization who are witting of the U.S. Government interest are CASSOWARY 2, CASSOWARY 4 and CASSOWARY 15. These witting individuals have been instructed not to reveal U.S. Government interest in the project. The natural cover for their activities provided by the membership in the ZPUHVR Organization has been sufficient to avoid curiosity or suspicion on the part of the outside individuals.

3. The method of paying salaries has been discussed with [redacted], on 2 December 1953, and plans are being formulated to establish a new method of payment.

4. Inasmuch as the six individuals presently working in the Study Group will have to perform additional operational tasks necessary in the production of radio scripts and tapes, the original cover established for this group must be reviewed and revised. A more flexible cover is necessary which would provide for the possible employment of additional individuals, if this is necessary in the future. As a result of the additional responsibilities the six individuals in question will also have to become witting of U.S. Government interest. In this connection necessary clearances for these individuals have been requested.

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